

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Armen Abazajian et al.	§	
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Serial No.: 10/785,317	§	Examiner: John J. Figueroa
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Filed: February 24, 2004	§	Art Unit: 1712
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Title: Improved, High Stability, High Lubricity,	§	
Low Toxicity, High Biodegradability Drilling	§	
Fluid	§	

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**REPLY TO ELECTION OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.